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REELY, MARY KATHERINE (Compiled by). *Selected Articles on Minimum Wage*. Pp. xxvi, 202. Price, \$1.25. White Plains, N. Y.: The H. W. Wilson Company, 1917.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

HURLEY, EDWARD N. *Awakening of Business*. Pp. xvi, 240. Price, \$2.00. New York: Doubleday, Page and Company, 1916.

In popular, almost journalistic form, the newer point of view as to the relation between government and business is set forth by Mr. Hurley, who is well qualified to treat the subject because of his long experience in business and his membership in the Federal Trade Commission. In Part I, *How Business Men Can Help Themselves*, he considers some of the progressive changes that are taking place in American commercial and industrial life, dwelling on the vital importance of better cost accounting, the perfection of methods of merchandising, and the necessity of closer coöperation through trade associations.

In Part II, strong emphasis is placed on need for greater coöperation between Government and Business.

A valuable chapter on the work of the Trade Commission shows how the Commission prevents law suits. Methods of competition which have been complained of are discussed in detail, their practical economic effects are shown, the views of competitors are heard, and the whole situation is thoroughly cleared up before a ruling is made.

The author pleads for a broader viewpoint on the part of the individual business man and for a determined effort to cut out extravagant wastes of resources and labor which he regards as one of our greatest national failings. He is optimistic and singularly devoid of that fear of calamity from either foreign competition or government oppression which permeates the writings and addresses of the older school. His attention is taken up less with "grave perils" than with means of strengthening and expanding business prosperity.

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MARQUIS, ALBERT NELSON (Ed.). *Who's Who in America, 1916-17*. Pp. xxxi, 2901. Price, \$5.00. Chicago: A. N. Marquis and Company, 1916.

An authoritative bibliography of noted living men and women of the United States. This ninth edition contains 21,922 sketches, of which 2,589 appeared in no previous issue.

WICKWARE, FRANCIS G. (Ed. by). *The American Year Book, 1916*. Pp. xviii, 862. Price, \$3.00. New York: D. Appleton and Company, 1917.

This seventh edition of the *American Year Book* will be welcomed by those who have found the earlier editions so worth-while. It is a concise, convenient reference book for those desirous of obtaining an authoritative record of the events and progress of 1916. Cross references and a very detailed index enhance its value.